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FILING OF PATENT APPLICATION PURSUANT TO 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Docket No. ITW 12843.60

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Sir:

Herewith is the patent application of Applicant(s):

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FOR: Method and Apparatus For Welding

This new application is a continuation of, and claims the benefit of the filing date of, U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/112980, filed March 29, 2002, entitled Method and Apparatus For Welding.

Including a copy of the prior application as filed, consisting of:

Declaration  
1 page Abstract  
29 Pages of Specification and Claims  
4 Sheet(s) of informal drawing

The undersigned hereby verifies that the foregoing papers are a true copy of what is shown in our records to be the above identified prior application, including the oath or declaration originally filed.

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**Amendments:**

Please amend the subject application to include the following cross-reference to related application:

This is a continuation of Application No. 10/112980, filed on March 29, 2002.

Please cancel claim(s) 32-38, 45, and 75-78 of the application as filed prior to calculating the filing fee.

A preliminary amendment is enclosed.

**Assignment**

The prior application is assigned of record to Illinois Tool Works Inc.

**Copendency of Prior Application:**

The prior application is presently pending.

**Power of Attorney:**

The Power of Attorney in the prior application is to the undersigned and appears in the original papers in the prior application.

**THE FOLLOWING FILING FEE IS BASED ON CLAIMS AS FILED  
LESS ANY ABOVE CANCELED  
PER MPEP SEC. 506 AND SEC. 607**

**Fee Calculation:**

Basic Fee (770)	=	\$770.00
Total Claims	70 minus 20 = 50 x \$ 18.00 =	+\$900.00
Independent Claims	14 minus 3 = 11 x \$ 86.00 =	+\$946.00

**TOTAL FILING FEES:   =\$2616.00**

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- 37 CFR § 1.16 filing, claim and surcharge fees;
- 37 CFR § 1.17 extension fees and application processing fees; and
- 37 CFR 1.18 issue fee (pursuant to 37 CFR 1.311(b)).

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